What is the Stone Age?

The Stone Age was a prehistoric period of time that was split up into three periods (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic).

Humans used tools and weapons, made out of stone, to survive. These humans were called 'hunter gatherers' which means they had to hunt for their food. This meant that they moved around very often as they had to follow the animals and find where the best berries were.

Key questions

How did the Stone Age hunter gatherers manage without modern technology?

What did they use for their clothes?

What were their homes like?

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Key Vocabulary

Pre- historic	This refers to a period of time before anything was written down or recorded.
Era	A length of time covering many years.
Palaeolithic era	The first phase of the Stone Age.
Mesolithic era	The second phase of the Stone Age.
Neolithic era	The third phase of the Stone Age.
Archaeologist	A person who digs up artefacts and then studies them to learn about the past.
Settlement	A place where people create a community.
Spear	A pole weapon with a sharpened head.
Flint	A type of rock used to create fire.
Harpoon	A long spear used for fishing.
Cleaver	A tool used to dig up soil and cut up meat and animal skin.
Stonehenge	This is a famous monument that was created in the Stone Age. No one knows why it was built, but many believe it was used for religious reasons.
Skara-Brae	A settlement/ village created in the Neolithic era.

BC AD

History Timeline

10,000 – 2,500	800 – 43	43 - 410	1422-1492	1451-1506	1485 – 1603	1570-1606	1605	1666	1805-1881	1820-1910	1837-1901	1920-2012	1955-Present
The Stone Age (Palaeolithic to Neolithic)	The Iron Age	The Romans	William Claxton	Christopher Columbus	Tudor era	Guy Fawkes	Gunpowder Plot	The Great Fire of London	Mary Seacole	Florence Nightingale	Victorian era	Neil Armstrong	Tim Berners-Lee

This is when the Stone Age was, in comparison to everything you have already learnt!